

In the Supreme Court of the State of Alaska

Raymond Dapo,

Appellant,

v.

**Taun Lucas, State of Alaska and
Office of Children's Services,**
Appellees.

Supreme Court No. S-17878

Order

Date of Order: 3/8/21

Trial Court Case No. 4FA-15-01892CI

Justice Winfree has received the Notice of Potential Conflict filed by Appellant Raymond Dapo and has reviewed the documents at Exc. 112-27. Justice Winfree acknowledges his participation in the settlement reflected in those documents and generally recalls the settlement's substance. Justice Winfree had no participation in the underlying litigation after the settlement was implemented and, if he ever knew, does not now recall whether there was any ruling on the settlement framework's validity or how the post-settlement litigation concluded.

Justice Winfree has not otherwise studied the file in this appeal to determine whether his recusal is warranted. Before he does so, he would like the Appellees to respond to the Notice of Potential Conflict, specifically addressing whether they have reason to believe recusal is warranted. (Justice Winfree recognizes that the Appellees may need to complete their briefs before they can respond meaningfully.) After receipt of the Appellees' positions, if any, Justice Winfree will study the file in more detail, with the parties' positions in mind, before making a decision whether to participate in the appeal.

IT IS ORDERED: Any response to the Notice of Potential Conflict is due when the Appellees' briefs are filed.

Entered at the direction of Justice Winfree.

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